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**Subject:** Re: NTOC Meeting

If you could be there for the treaty rights topic that would be great. I'm fine for the rest. Thanks!

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**From:** Anderson-Carnahan, Linda  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 7:18:32 AM  
**To:** Pirzadeh, Michelle; Thomas, Sally  
**Cc:** Allnutt, David; Woods, Jim; Erikson, Linda  
**Subject:** RE: NTOC Meeting

I had planned to attend the Associates meeting but can skip that and attend the entire meeting. Sally is also attending the entire meeting. David has a conflict from 11-12:30 (briefing with Tejada and Garcia in preparation for their visit to the Region next week).

**Nonresponsive Discussion of Personal Matters**

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 7:14 AM  
**To:** Anderson-Carnahan, Linda; Thomas, Sally



**Cc:** Allnutt, David; Woods, Jim; Erikson, Linda

**Subject:** Re: NTOC Meeting

Thanks Linda. I'm coming in, [REDACTED] ( I see Jim is out sick, will you, David and Sally be attending with me?

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**From:** Anderson-Carnahan, Linda

**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:44:25 AM

**To:** Pirzadeh, Michelle; Thomas, Sally

**Cc:** Allnutt, David; Woods, Jim; Erikson, Linda

**Subject:** RE: NTOC Meeting

Hi Michelle,

Sally isn't in yet but I think the questions Jane references in her email are the ones on the agenda:

*B. Priority Concerns in Indian Country*

**Climate Change:** Discussion of ongoing tribal and EPA efforts overlap with the President's Plan and how these efforts can be leveraged to improve prevention and adaptive efforts. (25 minutes)

**Possible Discussion Question(s):**

What are the best ways for EPA and tribes to share adaptation information and network with each other?  
What new tools are the Agency developing that would be helpful to tribes? Other than funding, what new types of tools, technical assistance, or support could EPA provide to tribes to help address climate change?  
Are there other federal agencies doing good work in the area of climate change that EPA and/or tribes with whom we should be collaborating?

**Mining:** Discussion of regional efforts and challenges that should be considered by the Agency as it works on present and future mining projects in Indian country or projects affecting tribal reserved rights and resources. (25 minutes)

**Possible Discussion Question(s):**

What ideas can we generate for improving the coordination and planning activities related to mining and resource extraction among the tribal, federal and state governments?

**Treaty Rights:** Discussion of ongoing efforts to properly understand and incorporate tribal treaty rights into the decisions made by tribes and EPA. (25 minutes)

**Possible Discussion Question(s):**

What is EPA actively doing to protect tribal treaty rights?  
As EPA implements federal environmental programs in Indian country, how can the consultation process inform how tribal treaty rights are considered in EPA actions and decisions

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:40 AM

**To:** Thomas, Sally

**Cc:** Anderson-Carnahan, Linda; Allnutt, David; Woods, Jim; Erikson, Linda

**Subject:** Re: NTOC Meeting

Sally,

Thanks for this information. Jane's note references discussion questions previously sent, do we have those questions? I didn't see them in my materials.

Thanks

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**From:** Thomas, Sally

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:23:29 PM

**To:** Pirzadeh, Michelle

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**Subject:** FW: NTOC Meeting

Hi Michelle-

Please see Jane Nahida's response (below) to your question about what is expected of Key Participants in tomorrow's NTOC Tribal Priority discussions. R10 is included as a Key Discussion Participant for Mining and Treaty rights.

I've attached a couple updates on mining issues in R10 for your information.

I know Jim is going to set up a quick update for you on R10's TRAR work.

Regarding the attached information:

### **Chuitna**

Attached is a general fact sheet for Chuitna and a January 2014 update. The general fact sheet is the best place to start to get a sense of the issues and our history/relationship with Native Village of Tyonek .



You will notice that for the January 2014 update there is not much re: the NVT. There has not been a cooperating agency call in the last couple of months due to a reschedule and the holidays, so I am not aware of any recent happenings with NVT/NARF.

**Bristol Bay** (DELIBERATIVE – not for release)

A few things that may be helpful:

- The Administrator met with United Tribes of Bristol Bay 12/16/13. This is an excerpt from the briefing paper:  
*"The United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) was formed in August 2013, bringing together four of the original nine Tribes that petitioned EPA for action under CWA 404(c). Since that time, it has expanded to represent ten Bristol Bay Tribes. These Tribes have consistently supported the EPA Bristol Bay Assessment and have pushed for restrictions on large-scale mining. They are represented by the Native American Rights Fund (Heather Kendall) and by Rob Rosenfeld, a consultant from Homer, Alaska. Robert Heyano, the President of UTBB, represents the Ekuk Village Council. He is a commercial fisherman, and President of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association."*

At that meeting, UTBB expressed appreciation for the Bristol Bay Assessment and pressed for immediate finalization of the assessment and for initiation of a regulatory action under CWA 404(c) to protect Bristol Bay. EPA told the tribes that the Assessment would be released as final early to mid- January. We do not yet have a specific release date.

Please let me know if you need anything else-  
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**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 12:19:16 PM

**To:** AA Administrators; Regional Administrators

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**Subject:** NTOC Meeting

Dear All,

Happy New Year to all! As you know, the new year begins with the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) meeting this **Thursday, January 9, 2014**. Although this year's meeting has been streamlined, we expect to engage in important and meaningful discussions with the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) members on several important topics, whether we are in the room or connected via teleconference.

My office has worked closely with the NTC and members of your staff to develop the final agenda and hopefully you have already received background information from your Tribal Program Coordinator to help you prepare for these discussions. As you can see from the attached agenda, we plan to spend the first part of the meeting talking about our shared priorities – in particular how we are realigning our priorities given the recent budget impacts. For this session, in



addition to a short presentation from OCFO, the four NPMs who have the most significant tribal grant resources (OW, OAR, OSWER, and OITA) should be prepared to talk about the status of these resources and any shifts/changes in program priorities specific to tribes.

During the second half of the meeting, we will have an open dialogue among the NTOC on three priority areas that the NTC has identified: climate change; mining; and treaty rights. These are topics which many of us engage with tribes on frequently. This year, based on feedback from prior NTOC meetings, we are structuring the meeting to encourage a more unscripted and candid dialogue between EPA and the NTC. We hope that you will be ready to talk with the NTC about the work we are doing on these topics, the challenges we have encountered, and opportunities we have either taken on, or might brainstorm, during the NTOC meeting.

To help facilitate this open dialogue, OITA staff have worked with staff in your offices to develop some discussion questions under each of these three topics, and these questions should have already been shared with you. Based on the nature of these topics, several of you have been identified as key participants in the discussion, and as such, we hope you will be able to help inform and propel the dialogue based on the issues you have personally engaged in with the tribes. **Attached is the agenda as well as a list of proposed key participants. Additional meeting materials have been shared with your staff.**

Looking forward to a productive and thoughtful NTOC meeting this week – thank you for your participation.

Jane

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